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Applicants were not able to find an English Abstract of JP 3-18053. However, the International Search Report of PCT application No. PCT/JP03/08808 cites its U.S. equivalent U.S. Patent No. 4,569,109.

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Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

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